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News Release

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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, April 1, 2013 -- For the week ending March 31, 2013, precipitation was limited to Southeastern areas of Kansas and a few isolated spots in Western portions of the State, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kansas Field Office. For last week, average temperatures were again below normal but warmed by the weekend allowing farmers to continue spring planting preparation. Additional precipitation is still needed throughout the state to replenish soil moisture and stock ponds. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 16 percent very short, 30 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Kansas subsoil moisture supplies were rated 41 percent very short, 40 percent short, 18 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Producers averaged 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Weather Report: Precipitation and temperature data are now being provided through the High Plains Regional Climate Center. See link below for the latest updates. A link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor graphic is also provided.

Field Crops Report: The Kansas winter wheat crop was 13 percent jointed, behind 57 percent a year ago and 22 percent average. The condition of the crop was rated as 10 percent very poor, 19 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 29 percent good, and 2 percent excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: The condition of Kansas range and pasture was rated as 46 percent very poor, 33 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 4 percent good, and 0 percent excellent. Hay and forage supplies were 36 percent very short, 38 percent short, 25 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated as 37 percent very short, 30 percent short, 33 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and KSU Extension Service.

District level data is provided on the back page.

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2013/CropProg-04-01-2013.pdf>

Access the High Plains Regional Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=KS®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?KS,HP

**Days Suitable and Soil Moisture by District
for the Week Ending March 31, 2013**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	2.3	5.2	6.4	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.4	1.2	2.4	3.9	4.1	4.6
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	32	25	39	6	12	11	8	9	11	16	17	6
Short	32	36	33	24	28	32	43	20	20	30	30	13
Adequate	32	39	28	68	60	54	49	64	51	50	50	71
Surplus	4	0	0	2	0	3	0	7	18	4	3	10
Subsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	62	44	59	37	36	40	31	34	31	41	42	8
Short	37	42	30	46	45	51	51	37	32	40	40	22
Adequate	1	14	11	17	19	9	18	25	31	18	18	66
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	1	0	4
Crop Progress	Percent											
Winter Wheat Jointed	1	1	18	0	8	30	2	7	19	13	5	57